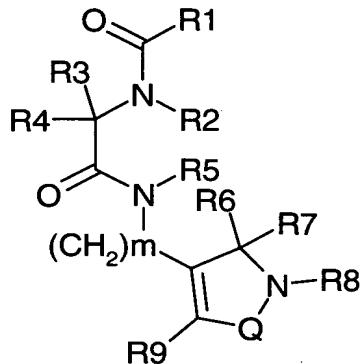


Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original). A compound of the Formula I



wherein:

R1 is NHR10,(substituted or unsubstituted C₁-C₆alkyl)NHR10 or (unsubstituted or substituted C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl)NHR10;

R10 is hydrogen, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆alkyl(OH), C₁-C₆alkylidenyl(OH)R11, or an amino protecting group;

R11 is C₁-C₆alkyl, C₂-C₆alkenyl, C₁-C₆alkyl(O)C₁-C₆alkyl, C(O)O-C₁-C₆alkyl, aryl, or C₁-C₆alkylaryl;

R2 is hydrogen, C₁-C₆alkyl, aryl, or C₁-C₆alkylaryl;

R4 is hydrogen, C₁-C₆alkyl, aryl, C₁-C₆alkylaryl, or C₂-C₆alkenyl;

R5 is hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆alkylaryl, hydroxy, C₁-C₆alkoxy, unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₆alkyl;

R6 and R7 are independently hydrogen, unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₆alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted C₂-C₆alkenyl, or R6 and R7 together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a carbocyclic ring of up to 8 atoms which is optionally partly unsaturated or a substituted C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl group which is optionally partly unsaturated;

R8 is hydrogen, unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₆alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted aryl, unsubstituted or substituted (C₁-C₆alkyl)C₃-C₈cycloalkyl, or unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₆alkylaryl;

Q is -S(O)₂- or -C(O)-;

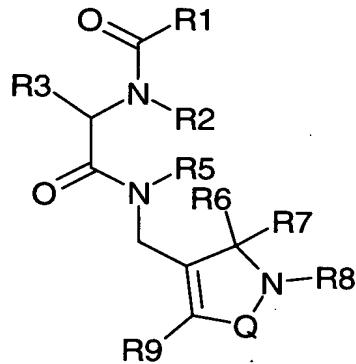
m is a number selected from 1 or 2;

R3 is substituted C₁-C₆alkylaryl, substituted C₁-C₆alkyl(O)-C₁-C₆alkylaryl, substituted C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, substituted (C₁-C₆ alkyl) C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, or aryl substituted by at least one -SO₂CF₃ group; and R9 is hydrogen, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₂-C₆alkenyl, C₂-C₆alkynyl, C₃-

C₈cycloalkyl, C₃-C₈cycloalkenyl, cyano, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted -O-aryl, optionally substituted -N-aryl, optionally substituted -S-aryl, -aryl-aryl(K1)(K2), -O-aryl-aryl(K1)(K2), -N-aryl-aryl(K1)(K2), -S-aryl-aryl(K1)(K2), -O-C₁-C₆alkyl, or C₁-C₆alkylaryl, wherein K1 is halo or -CF₃, and K2 is hydrogen, halo or -CF₃ or K1 and K2 together form a methylenedioxy group; or

R3 is optionally substituted aryl, C₁-C₆alkylaryl, C₁-C₆alkyl(O)-C₁-C₆alkylaryl, C₃-C₈cycloalkyl, (C₁-C₆ alkyl) C₃-C₈cycloalkyl; and R9 is aryl substituted by at least one -SO₂CF₃ group, -O-aryl substituted by at least one -SO₂CF₃ group, -N-aryl substituted by at least one -SO₂CF₃ group, or -S-aryl substituted by at least one -SO₂CF₃ group; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

Claim 2 (original). A compound according to claim 1 having Formula II



Formula II

wherein

R1, R2, R3, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9 and Q are as defined in claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

Claim 3 (currently amended). A compound according to claim 1 or 2 wherein R3 is selected from substituted C₁-C₆alkylaryl, substituted C₁-C₆alkyl(O)-C₁-C₆alkylaryl, substituted (C₁-C₆ alkyl) C₃-C₈cycloalkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

Claim 4 (original). A compound according to claim 3 wherein the substituted C₁-C₆alkylaryl or substituted C₁-C₆alkyl(O)-C₁-C₆alkylaryl group contains an aryl moiety selected from phenyl, thiazolyl, pyridyl, naphthyl, thiophenyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl and indolyl which is substituted by from one to three groups independently selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl,

-OC₁-C₆ alkyl, -OCF₃, amide, aryl, aryloxy, SO₂(C₁₋₆ alkyl), SO₂CF₃, NHamide, carboxamide, sulfonamide, NHsulfonamide, imide, hydroxy, carboxy, nitro, halo, tri(chloro or fluoro)methyl, and cyano; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

Claim 5 (currently amended). A compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 2 wherein R3 is a substituted C₁-C₆ alkylaryl group or a substituted C₁-C₆alkyl(O)-C₁-C₆alkyl aryl group wherein:

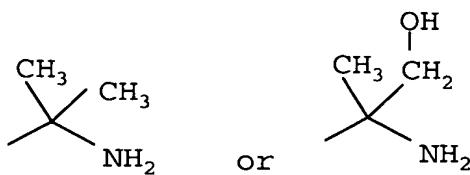
the C₁-C₆alkyl moiety within the substituted C₁-C₆ alkylaryl group is methyl, ethyl or propyl;

the C₁-C₆alkyl(O)-C₁-C₆alkyl moiety within the substituted C₁-C₆alkyl(O)- C₁-C₆alkyl aryl group is a moiety of formula -CH₂OCH₂-;

the substituted aryl moiety is 2-fluorophenyl, 3-fluorophenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 2,3-difluorophenyl, 2,4-difluorophenyl, 2,5-difluorophenyl, 2,6-difluorophenyl, 3,4-difluorophenyl, 3,5-difluorophenyl, 2,4,6-trifluorophenyl, 2,3,4-trifluorophenyl, 2,4,5-trifluorophenyl, 2,3,6-trifluorophenyl, 2,3,5-trifluorophenyl, 2-chlorophenyl, 3-chlorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 2,6-dichlorophenyl, 2,3-dichlorophenyl, 2,4-dichlorophenyl, 2,5-dichlorophenyl, 2-chloro-4-fluorophenyl, 2-methylphenyl, 2,6-difluoro-3-methylphenyl, 3,6-difluoro-2-chlorophenyl, 2-fluoro-6-chlorophenyl, 2-fluoro-3-chlorophenyl, 2-fluoro-4-chlorophenyl, 2,6-difluoro-3-chlorophenyl, 4-trifluoromethylphenyl, 3-trifluoromethylphenyl, 2-trifluoromethylphenyl, 2-fluoro-5-trifluoromethylphenyl, 2-fluoro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl, 2-fluoro-6-trifluoromethylphenyl, 2-chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl, 4-trifluoromethoxyphenyl, 3-trifluoromethoxyphenyl, 2-trifluoromethoxyphenyl, 2-cyanophenyl, 3-cyanophenyl, 4-cyanophenyl, 4-methanesulphonylphenyl, or 2-methylthiazolyl;

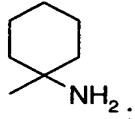
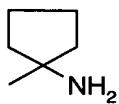
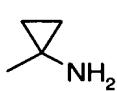
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

Claim 6 (original). A compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 2 wherein R1 is



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

Claim 7 (currently amended). A compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 2 wherein R1 is selected from $-C(CH_2F)_2NH_2$, $-C(CH_2F)(CH_2CH_2F)NH_2$, $-C(CF_3)(CH_3)NH_2$, $-C(CH_2CH_2F)_2NH_2$, $-C(CH_2CH_3)(CH_2CF_3)NH_2$,



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

Claim 8 (currently amended). A compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 2 wherein R6 and R7 are each C₁-C₃ alkyl or form a five or six membered carbocyclic ring; or R6 and R7 are independently C₁-C₆alkyl or C₂-C₆alkenyl, in which one or both groups are substituted by one, two, or three halo atoms; or R6 is hydrogen and R7 is C₁-C₆alkyl, C₂-C₆alkenyl which is substituted by one, two, or three halo atoms; or R6 and R7 together with the carbon atom to which they are attached may form a C₃-C₈cycloalkyl group which is optionally partly unsaturated and which is substituted by one, two, or three halo atoms;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

Claim 9 (currently amended). A compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1 wherein R4 is hydrogen or methyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

Claim 10 (currently amended). A compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 2 wherein R5 is hydrogen, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆alkoxy, C₁-C₆alkyl which is substituted by hydroxy or C₁-C₆alkyl which is substituted by one, two, or three halo atoms, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

Claim 11 (currently amended). A compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~ claim 10 wherein R5 is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, propyl or n-propyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

Claim 12 (currently amended). A compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 11~~ claim 2 wherein R8 is hydrogen, C₁-C₆alkyl, (C₁-C₆alkyl)C₃-C₈cycloalkyl, benzyl, 1-

phenylethyl, C₁-C₆alkyl which is substituted by hydroxy, methoxy, CONH₂, or CON(CH₃)₂, or C₁-C₆alkyl which is substituted by one, two, or three halo atoms, phenyl substituted by one, two, or three halo atoms or benzyl substituted by one, two, or three halo atoms, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

Claim 13 (currently amended). A compound according to ~~any one of claims 3-10 to claim~~ 12 wherein R8 is C₁-C₆alkyl which is substituted by hydroxy or C₁-C₆alkyl which is substituted by one, two, or three halo atoms, phenyl substituted by one, two, or three halo atoms or benzyl substituted by one, two, or three halo atoms, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

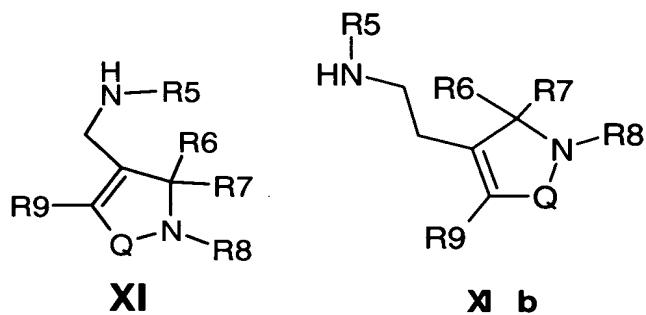
Claim 14 (currently amended). A compound according to ~~any one of claims 1-13 to claim~~ 2 wherein R9 is selected from the group consisting of unsubstituted or substituted thienyl, unsubstituted or substituted naphthyl, unsubstituted or substituted phenoxy and unsubstituted or substituted phenyl; wherein the substituents when present are each independently selected from the group consisting of halo, methyl, ethyl, propyl, t-butyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, methoxy, ethoxy, cyano, methylsulphonyl, phenyl, phenoxy, thienyl, pyridyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, nitro, CONH₂, furanyl, benzothiophenyl and benzofuranyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

Claim 15 (original). A compound of according to claim 14 wherein R9 is selected from phenyl, 4-methylsulphonylphenyl, 3-methylsulphonylphenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 3-fluorophenyl, 3-chlorophenyl, 2-chlorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 4-t-butylphenyl, 4-trifluoromethylphenyl, 3-trifluoromethylphenyl, 4-nitrophenyl, 3-nitrophenyl, 4-bromophenyl, 3-bromophenyl, 2-bromophenyl, 4-methylphenyl, 3-methylphenyl, 4-phenylphenyl, 3-phenylphenyl, 4-phenoxyphenyl, 3-phenoxyphenyl, 4-cyanophenyl, 3-cyanophenyl, 4-carbamoylphenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 3-methoxyphenyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, pyridyl, phenoxy, 4-chlorophenoxy, 2,3-dichlorophenyl, 3,4-dichlorophenyl, naphthyl, oxazolyl, 2,4-difluorophenyl, 3,4-difluorophenyl, 3,5-difluorophenyl, 2,3-difluorophenyl, 2,6-difluorophenyl, 2,5-difluorophenyl, 2-fluoro-3-chlorophenyl, 4-ethylphenyl, 4-ethoxyphenyl, 3,4,5-trifluorophenyl, 3-fluoro-4-chlorophenyl and 4-carbamoylphenyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

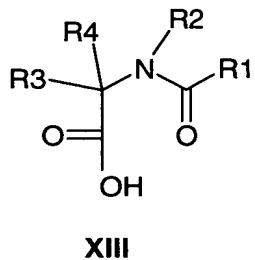
Claim 16 (currently amended). A pharmaceutical formulation comprising one or more compounds according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 15~~ claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof,
and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable diluents or carriers therefor.

Claim 17 (original). A pharmaceutical formulation according to claim 16 wherein the formulation further comprises one or more growth hormone secretagogue compounds and/or a bone-antiresorptive agent.

Claim 18 (currently amended). A process for producing a compound of Formula I as defined in ~~any one of claims 1 to 15~~ claim 1 comprising coupling a compound of Formula XI or XIb

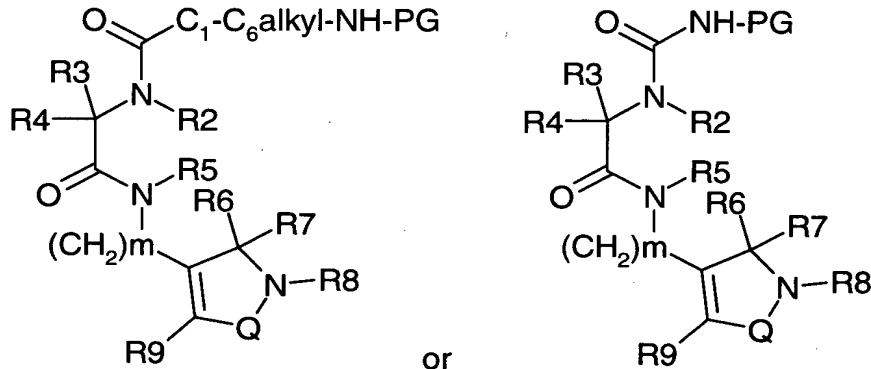


with a compound of formula XIII



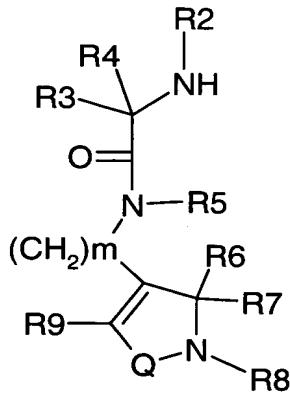
wherein R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8 , R9 and Q are as defined in ~~any one of claims 1 to 15~~ claim 1.

Claim 19 (currently amended). A process for producing a compound of Formula I as defined in ~~any one of claims 1 to 15~~ claim 1 comprising deprotecting a compound of Formula

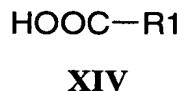


wherein R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8 , R9, m and Q are as defined in ~~any one of claims 1 to 12~~ claim 1, and PG is an amino protecting group.

Claim 20 (currently amended). A process for producing a compound of Formula I as defined in ~~any one of claims 1 to 15~~ claim 1 comprising coupling a compound of Formula



with a compound of formula XIV

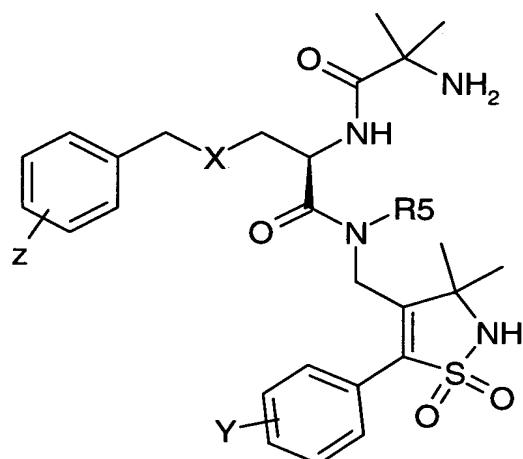


wherein R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8 , R9 and Q are as defined in ~~any one of claims 1 to 15~~ claim 1.

Claims 21 and 22 (canceled).

Claim 23 (currently amended). A method ~~of using comprising administering~~ comprising administering ~~an effective amount of~~ a compound of ~~claim 1 to 2~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof for the treatment of a physiological condition which ~~may be is~~ modulated or ameliorated by an increase in endogenous growth hormone, ~~which method comprises~~ ~~administering~~ to an animal in need of said treatment ~~an effective amount of a compound of formula I.~~

Claim 24 (new). A compound having the formula



wherein:

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 2-F and R5 is Et;

or

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 3-F and R5 is Et;

or

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 4-F and R5 is Et;

or

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 2,3-F₂ and R5 is Et;

or

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 2,5-F₂ and R5 is Et;

or

X is CH₂, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 2,6-F₂ and R5 is Et;

or

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 2,6-F₂ and R5 is Et;

or

X is CH₂, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 3,5-F₂ and R5 is Et;

or

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 2,4,6-F₃ and R5 is Et;

or

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 2,3,5-F₃ and R5 is Et;

or

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 2,6-Cl₂ and R5 is Et;

or

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 2-F-6-Cl and R5 is Et;

or

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 2-Cl-3,6-F₂ and R5 is Et;

or

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 2-CN and R5 is Et;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

Claim 25 (new). A compound selected from the group consisting of 2-(R)-2-(2-Amino-2-methylpropionylamino)-3-(2,6-difluoro-3-methylphenyl)methoxy propionic acid N-[5-(4-chlorophenyl)- 3,3-dimethyl-1,1-dioxo-2,3-dihydroisothiazol-4-ylmethyl]-N-ethylamide; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.